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Correct the city of residence of the first-named applicant, Izuo Horai, to:


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A copy of the executed Declaration indicating that Kanagawa-ken was provided as the city of residence for applicant Horai is attached.

It is respectfully requested that a corrected filing receipt be promptly issued that properly reflects the correct city of residence for first-named applicant Horai.

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SURFACE INSPECTION METHOD AND SURFACE INSPECTION APPARATUS

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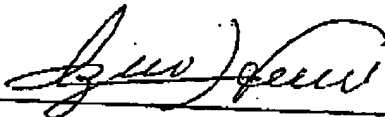
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